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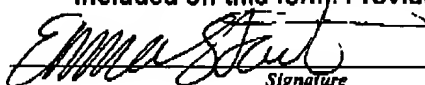
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Applicant(s): Benoit LAFLAMME et al.						
Application No. 09/709,787	Filing Date November 7, 2000	Examiner Michael D. MASINICK	Customer No. 28291	Group Art Unit 2125	Confirmation No. 4281	
Invention: SPA CONTROLLER COMPUTER INTERFACE						
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REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, kindly amend the application as follows, and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.